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TRANSACTIONS

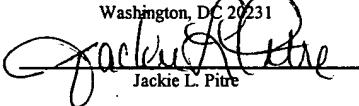
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**Amendment**

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Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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***In the Specification:***

Please amend the specification to read as shown below. A "marked up" version of the amended paragraph is included as an attachment to this response.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 3, line 9 to state:

Embodiments disclosed herein include a middleware program that provides a functional interface between a user interface and a business transaction server. A middleware program is a